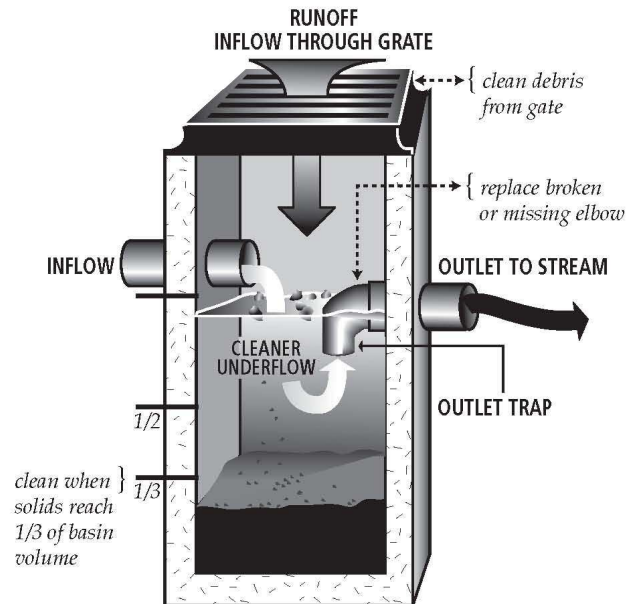


ENVIRONMENTALLY RESPONSIBLE BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

Drainage System Maintenance

The stormwater drainage system collects and transports stormwater runoff and rainwater that may contain pollutants. Maintain catch basins, stormwater inlets, and other stormwater structures on a regular basis to remove pollutants, reduce high pollutant concentrations during the first flush of storms, prevent clogging and backup of the system, restore catch basins' sediment trapping capacity, and ensure the system functions properly to avoid flooding. A few simple things you can accomplish on your property to help reduce pollutants from entering the storm system include:

- ◆ Remove leaves and trash so the catch basin grate doesn't clog.
- ◆ Clean catch basins, storm drain inlets, and other conveyance structures to remove sediments and debris accumulation.
 - ◆ Use caution in removing the grate as it may be heavy.
 - ◆ Don't leave an open catch basin unattended.
 - ◆ Never enter a catch basin or other drainage structure unless you are properly trained.
- ◆ Sweep your lot regularly to reduce the need for catch basin cleaning.
- ◆ Repair or replace damaged structures.



- ◆ Consider installing and maintaining catch basin sediment inserts or an oil-absorbent pillow.
- ◆ Stencil or mark storm drains, where applicable, to prevent illegal disposal of pollutants. Storm drain inlets should have messages such as "No Dumping; Drains to Stream" stenciled next to them to warn against ignorant or intentional dumping of pollutants into the storm drainage system. (Stencils are available from the Division of Water Quality.)